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FUEL MINISTRY TO DEVELOP I-LO MINE; HAO-KANG MINES UP OUTPUT 60 PERCENT

TO BUILD UP CHENG-CHOU -- Shanghai Wen-hui Pao, 21 Apr 50

Cheng-chou -- The Central Ministry of Fuel Industries has decided to invest 24 million catties of yellow millet toward exploiting the I-lo coal mine in Honan and strengthening the facilities of Cheng-chou city. In an address before the Honan First All-Circles People's Delegates Assembly, Chang Chung-lu, concurrently chief of a bureau and a department in the ministry, made the following statement:

"We must use modern methods to exploit the productive value of Honan mines. Honan coal deposits are estimated to be about 5 billion tons. A recent survey indicates that over 700 million tons of this are at the I-lo coal mine. The nation as a whole has a limited number of mines, and the I-lo coal mine is the only large mine south of the Yellow River."

The branch railroad line running from Chin-ku-yuan station, 15 li west of Lo-yang, to the I-lo mine will be rebuilt in 1950. The Central Ministry of Fuel Industries will first invest 16 million catties of yellow millet in this mine during 1950 and then add to that amount yearly. Assuming a daily output of 10,000 tons of coal, it would be possible to operate the mine for more than 20C years, supplying coal to the industries in the areas along the east and west sections of the Lung-hai railroad. What could be better?"

With reference to strengthening Cheng-chou city as a center for Honan industry, Chang continued:

"It takes power to build industry. The 1950 budget of the Central Ministry of Fuel Industries lists two new 10,000-kilowatt generators, valued at 2,100,000 US dollars, for Cheng-chou. According to the plans, 7,000-kilowatt generators will also be dismantled and shipped from Nanking and Nan-ch'ang. Eight million catties of yellow millet will be invested. At the same time, Honan Province is making appropriate plans and preparations toward the development of Cheng-chou electric power."

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MECHANIZE HAO-KANG COAL MINES -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 18 Apr 50

Mukden, 17 April (Hsin-hua) -- Extensive changes in the operation of the state-owned coal mines at Hao-kang in Sungkiang Province, have resulted in as much as 9.3 percent savings in production costs.

This has been accomplished by various means such as the introduction of more mechanical excavators and other equipment, more efficient use of equipment through concentration rather than dispersion, more economical transportation through concentration, improved ventilation, fewer accidents, etc. During the 3 months of operation of these improved methods, production has been increased by 60 percent simultaneously with a reduction of 17.7 percent in the number of miners employed.

NING-PO ELECTRIC SUPPLY INTERRUPTED -- Ning-po-jen Pao, 18 Apr 50

Ning-po -- On 17 April 1950, the No 6 fuel-oil burning boiler of the Yung-yao Electric Power Company in Ning-po developed a serious leak necessitating extensive repairs. Consequently, the current available while repairs are in progress will be only that generated by the use of boiler No 4 whose capacity is but 1,600 kilowatts. Therefore, the city government has been notified that current will be supplied to three sections of the city, Chiangtung, Chiang-pei and Tz'u-ku, from 1730 hours to 2200 hours on the 18, 20, and 22 April, and to two sections, Ch'eng-chung and Chiang-hsia, during the same hours, on the 19, 21, and 23 April.

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